planets that are oft *Combuſt*, and thoſe ſtars of brighteſt magnitude that riſe and ſet with the Sun, untill the oppoſite motion of their orbs bring them to ſuch a place in the firmament, where they may be ſeen evning or morning. The light which we have gain'd, was giv'n us, not to be ever ſtaring on, but by it to diſcover onward things more remote from our knowledge. It is not the unfrocking of a Prieſt, the unmitring of a Biſhop, and the removing him from off the *Presbyterian* ſhoulders that will make us a happy Nation, no, if other things as great in the Church, and in the rule of life both economicall and politicall be not lookt into and reform'd, we have lookt ſo long upon the blaze that *Zuinglius* and *Calvin* hath beacon'd up to us, that we are ſtark blind. There be who perpetually complain of ſchiſms and ſects, and make it ſuch a calamity that any man diſſents from their maxims. 'Tis their own pride and ignorance which cauſes the diſturbing, who neither will hear with meeknes, nor can convince, yet all muſt be ſuppreſt which is not found in their *Syntagma*. They are the troublers, they are the dividers of unity, who neglect and permit not others to unite thoſe diſſever'd peeces which are yet wanting to the body of Truth. To be ſtill ſearching what we know not, by what we know, ſtill cloſing up truth to truth as we find it (for all her body is *homogeneal*, and proportionall) this is the golden rule in *Theology* as well as in Arithmetick, and makes up the beſt harmony in a Church; not the forc't and outward union of cold, and neutrall, and inwardly divided minds.

Lords and Commons of England, conſider what Nation it is whereof ye are, and whereof ye are the governours: a Nation not ſlow and dull, but of a quick, ingenious, and piercing ſpirit, acute to invent, ſuttle and ſinewy to diſcours, not beneath the reach of any point the higheſt that human capacity can ſoar to. Therefore the ſtudies of learning in her deepeſt Sciences have bin ſo ancient, and ſo eminent among us, that Writers of good antiquity, and ableſt judgement have bin perſwaded that ev'n the ſchool of *Pythagoras*, and the *Perſian* wiſdom took beginning from the old Philoſophy of this Iland. And that wiſe and civill Roman, *Julius Agricola*, who govern'd once here for *Cæſar*, preferr'd the naturall wits of Britain, before the labour'd ſtudies of the French. Nor is it for nothing that the grave and frugal *Tranſilvanian* ſends out yearly from as farre as the mountanous borders of *Ruſſia*, and beyond the *Hercynian* wildernes, not their youth, but their ſtay'd men, to learn our language, and our *theologic* arts.

Yet that which is above all this, the favour and the love of heav'n we have great argument to think in a peculiar manner propitious and propending towards us. Why elſe was this Nation chos'n before any other, that out of her as out of *Sion* ſhould be proclam'd and ſounded forth the firſt tidings and trumpet of Reformation to all *Europ*. And had it not bin the obſtinat perverſnes of our Prelats againſt the divine and admirable ſpirit of *Wickleff*, to ſuppreſſe him as a ſchiſmatic and *innovator*, perhaps neither the *Bohemian Huſſe* and *Jerom*, no nor the name of *Luther*, or of *Calvin* had bin ever known: the glory of reforming all our neighbours had bin compleatly ours. But now, as our obdurat Clergy have with violence demean'd the matter, we are become hitherto the lateſt and the backwardeſt Schollers, of whom God offer'd to have made us the teachers. Now once again by all concurrence of ſigns, and by the generall inſtinct of holy and devout men, as they daily and ſolemnly expreſſe their thoughts, God is decreeing to begin ſome new and great period in his Church, ev'n to the reforming of Reformation it ſelf: what does he then but reveal Himſelf to his ſervants, and as his manner is, firſt to his Engliſh-men; I ſay as his manner is, firſt to us, though we mark not the method of his counſels, and are unworthy. Behold now this vaſt City; a City of refuge, the manſion houſe of liberty, encompaſt and ſurrounded with his protection; the ſhop of warre hath not there more anvils and hammers waking, to faſhion out the plates and inſtruments of armed Juſtice in defence of beleaguer'd Truth, then there be pens and heads there, ſitting by their ſtudious lamps, muſing, ſearching, revolving new notions and idea's wherewith to preſent, as with their homage and their fealty the approaching Reformation: others as faſt reading, trying all things, aſſenting to the force of reaſon and convincement. What could a man require more from a Nation ſo pliant and ſo prone to ſeek after knowledge. What wants there to ſuch a towardly and pregnant ſoile, but wiſe and faithfull labourers, to make a knowing people, a Nation of Prophets, of Sages, and of Worthies. We reck'n more then five months yet to harveſt; there need not be five weeks, had we but eyes to lift up, the fields are white already. Where there is much deſire to learn, there of neceſſity will be much arguing, much writing, many opinions; for opinion in good men is but knowledge in the making. Under thoſe fantaſtic terrors of

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